

(54) Title: PROCOLLAGEN ASSEMBLY ✓

(57) Abstract

A method of producing a desired procollagen or derivative thereof in a system which co-expresses and assembles at least one further procollagen or derivative thereof. The gene(s) for expressing pro- α chains or derivatives thereof for assembly into the desired procollagen has or have been exogenously selected from natural pro- α chains or exogenously manipulated such as to express said pro- α chains or derivatives thereof with domains which have the activity of C-terminal propeptide domains but which will not co-assemble with the C-terminal propeptide of the pro- α chains or derivatives thereof that assemble to form the said at least one further procollagen or derivative thereof.